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ABSTRACT

While the rapid evolution of electronic technology has made possible stunning advances in access to information, the price of adopting new systems and formats has forced major changes in how libraries allocate their resources. The 31st symposium of the graduate alumni and faculty of Rutgers School of Communication, Information and Library Studies addressed the impact of technology on the economics of producing, storing, and disseminating information, and, perhaps, the survival of libraries. Papers presented include: "Introduction: The Economics of Information Revisited" (Jana Varlejs); "Information Storage in Academic Libraries: Changing Fundamentals" (Malcolm Getz); "What Bang for the Buck: Costs and Beneficial Impacts of Library Operations" (Paul B. Kantor); "Changing Technology and Changing Markets: A Scholarly Publishing Perspective" (Janet D. Bailey); "The Government Information Market" (James P. Love); and "Costs and Values: The Politics of Economics" (Arthur Curley). A transcript from the panel and audience discussion is provided. A 65-item annotated bibliography offers leads to further discussion aspects of economics of information. (MAS)

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